

VZCZCXYZ0001
PP RUEHWEB

DE RUEHYN #0208 0371009
ZNY SSSSS ZZH
P 061009Z FEB 08
FM AMEMBASSY SANAA
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8912
INFO RUEHDM/AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS PRIORITY 0369
RHEHNSC/NSC WASHDC PRIORITY

S E C R E T SANAA 000208

SIPDIS

SIPDIS

DEPARTMENT FOR NEA, ARP, S/CT AND EEB/TRA/OTP JOHN EMERY
AND WIN DAYTON
NSC FOR MATT DIASCRO

E.O. 12958: DECL: 02/05/2018
TAGS: [EAIR](#) [ECON](#) [PTER](#) [YM](#)
SUBJECT: APPROACH TO AIRLINES ON FOREIGN FIGHTERS - YEMENIA
RESPONSE

REF: STATE 04900

Classified By: DCM Angie Bryan for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (U) PolOff presented reftel PowerPoint to Capt. Abdul Kalek Al-kadi, chairman of Yemenia Airways, on February 2. The captain assured PolOff of all cooperation possible in this area.

¶2. (S) Al-kadi prefaced the meeting by saying that the ROYG and Yemenia Airways were already taking steps to deal with this issue. Specifically, he mentioned that all flights to Damascus are scrutinized and if a passenger (especially young males traveling alone or in small groups) is found to be traveling to Damascus without sufficient reason, he is denied travel. Post can not independently verify this.

¶3. (S) After the presentation, Al-kadi once again stressed the measures already being taken by the ROYG and Yemenia and assured PolOff of Yemenia's willingness to cooperate further. When asked about sharing of API/PNR data, the captain said that Yemenia already provides this type of information to the ROYG and indicated that Yemenia would be willing to cooperate with the US as long as we coordinate through the ROYG.
SECHE